

# Fire Facilities and Emergency Response Revised Levy Proposal

## Financing

---

- **Nine-Year \$167.2 Million “pay-as-you-go” Levy** – Projects will be built as funding becomes available. A greater share of funds will be collected in the earlier years of the levy so that pressing needs can be addressed quickly. Initial annual cost for a median value home (approximately \$313,500 in 2004) is \$98. Average over nine years is \$73.

## Fire Stations – \$106.6 Million

---

- **Fire Station 2 (4<sup>th</sup> and Battery)** – Fully renovates Fire Station 2 to seismically strengthen and expand station size, adds decontamination facilities, improves crew quarters, add three new apparatus bays, and create a new Wellness and Fitness Center.
- **Fire Station 10 (Pioneer Square)** – Constructs a new, seismically secure expanded station outside of the nearby liquefaction zone. New station will contain decontamination facilities, significantly improve crew quarters, and provides additional workspace.
- **All Other Fire Stations** – Replaces or renovates 32 of the City’s 33 fire stations to expand workspace and apparatus bays, provide modern, seismically secure facilities, and improve crew quarters. A total of 12 stations will be replaced, five stations will be gutted and fully renovated, and 15 will be partially renovated or remodeled.
- **Land acquisition** – Funds land acquisition costs for station expansions and five station relocations.

## Support Facilities – \$30.3 Million

---

- **Fire Alarm Center** – Replaces the existing Fire Alarm Center (currently located at Fire Station 2) with a new facility co-located with a new Fire Station 10. New center will be larger than current center, will be seismically secure, and will include improved crew quarters.
- **Joint Training Facility** – Constructs a “state-of-the-art” training facility in southwest Seattle. Will include burn tower and collapsed building props as well as classrooms and support facilities for both recruit and firefighter training.

## Emergency Preparedness – \$18.7 Million

---

- **Emergency Operations Center** – Replaces the existing EOC (located within Fire Station 2) with an expanded and seismically strengthened facility for coordinated emergency response efforts for various City departments.
- **Emergency Fire Suppression Water Supply** – Funds a new hydrant system so that water can be drawn from Lake Union, Lake Washington, Puget Sound and the City’s reservoirs in the event that the City’s water mains and existing hydrant system fail due to seismic or other events.

- **Emergency Community Shelters & Disaster Supplies** – Creates four Red Cross disaster response caches filled with shelter supplies (cots, blankets, etc.) for use in a major emergency. In addition, funds power generators to be used for emergency shelters, food and medicine storage.

#### **Marine – \$11.6 Million**

---

- **New Large Boat** – Builds a new large saltwater boat to enhance marine fire response. The boat will be able to pump 20,000 gallons per minute and travel at speeds up to 14 knots.
- **Rehabbed *Chief Seattle*** – Completely renovates the *Chief Seattle* to improve its fire fighting capability.
- **Fast Attack Boat** – Will provide speed, agility and enough redundancy to ensure adequate coverage even when one of the other boats is in dry dock for annual maintenance.